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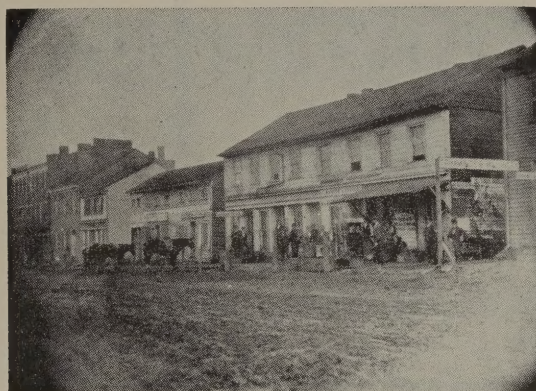
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# FOREWORD

It is an impossibility, in the limited space allotted in this booklet, to include in the historical sketch of Mercer, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary, all the data that is available.

We can only hope to high-light some of the more important events, endeavoring to paint a word picture of early Mercer that will make the trials, hardships and successes of its pioneer founders a little more real to the citizens of today.

In addition we shall try to include certain facts and dates that are of permanent interest to all living in the borough and vicinity.

We trust that those reading this historical sketch will bear with the author and forgive any omissions or discrepancies that may occur.

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For at least 2500 years, man has considered the rolling hills and beautiful valleys surrounding the site of Mercer an ideal place to live. On the high plateaus the artifacts of the earliest inhabitants are found in great numbers. These were a people who lived by hunting and fishing.

The later-comers occupied more or less permanent village sites in the valleys and combined agriculture with fishing and hunting.

About 1400 A.D. the occupants of this territory were either exterminated or driven away by the Iroquois Indians who lived in what is now New York State. These confederated tribes claimed all of Western Pennsylvania, using it as a hunting ground until 1723-24 when the Delawares and other tribes obtained permission from them to settle here. Among the noted warriors and chiefs of this district were Shenango, Pymatuning, Wannock and Harthegig.

Their main settlement in this district was located at Big Bend on the Shenango River and was known as Pymatuning Town, and another possible site near the Lackawannock bog two miles west of Mercer.

## **EARLY HISTORY**

Leading up to the settlement of this area an important factor was the law passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature on November 24, 1779, known as the Divesting Act which divested the Penn family from their proprietary interest in public lands of Pennsylvania.

Following the above mentioned legislation, the Donation Land Laws went into effect in 1783. These Laws put aside a strip of public lands along what is now the Ohio-

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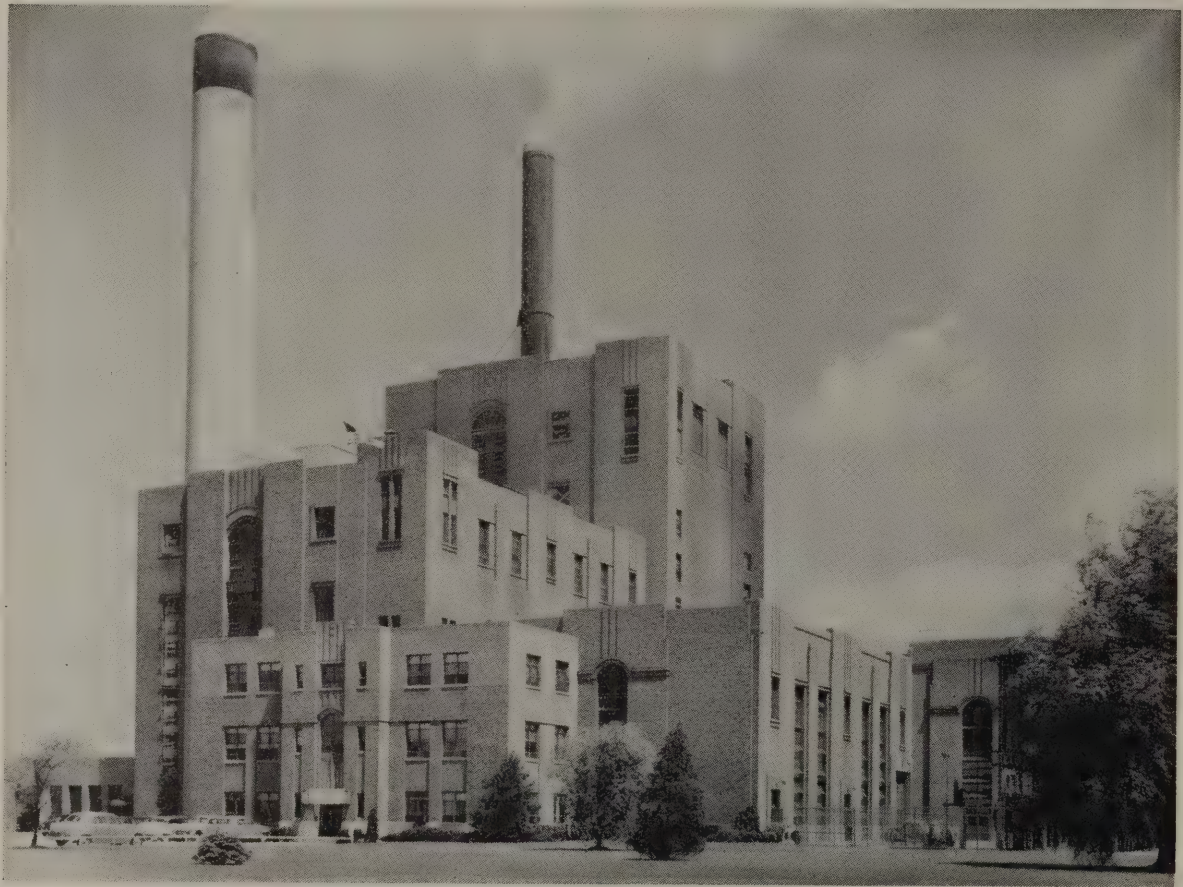
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However, as the Indians still claimed title to this entire area, it was not until a treaty was concluded at Ft. Stanwix on October 23, 1784 that a majority of the tribes present released this land for settlement.

The Wyandots and Delawares who lived West of the Allegheny River were not included in the above treaty and it was not until a meeting between the commission and these two tribes in January, 1785 that the last mentioned lands passed into the hands of the State.

A short time later deputy surveyors were appointed. The area now comprising Mercer and Lawrence Counties were covered by the following districts and was surveyed in 1785-1786. Listed below are districts and names of the surveyors!

District No. 2—John Henderson

District No. 3—Griffith Evans

District No. 4—Andrew Henderson

District No. 55—Benjamin Lodge

In spite of the treaties of 1784-85, a considerable Indian population still lived nearby Mercer until 1795. At this time General Wayne completed his campaign in the Northwest Territory and signed a treaty with the Indian tribes at Greenville, thus ending the threat of Indian uprisings and raids that had been a constant menace to the settlement of this area by the white man.

By 1795 a few settlers began to appear and their number grew rapidly, until it became necessary to form additional counties for more efficient administration from Northwestern Allegheny County. (Benjamin Stokely, Assistant Surveyor, and the Zahner family were probably the first to settle in this district). Mercer County was organized on March 12, 1800. Its southern boundary met the northern boundary of Beaver County at what is now the city of New Castle.

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Lawrence County was formed nearly 50 years later, mainly from land taken from Beaver and Mercer Counties.

The County of Mercer and, later, the borough, was named for General Hugh Mercer, a famous physician and soldier. He was a captain of militia during the Forbes Campaign against Ft. Duquesne. During this period he met General Washington and they became fast friends. Early in the Revolutionary War he became a General and was killed leading his troops against the British at the Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777.

By 1801 four townships had been established—Salem, Sandy Lake, Neshannock and Cool Spring—with a population of 3228. With this substantial population a growing desire to establish a county seat in Mercer County became evident and by 1803 had become so strong that plans were made to form the borough of Mercer, and in August, 1803 the town was laid out and lots were placed on sale on December 5, 1803. (No bids were accepted for less than 25 cents.)

John Hoge of Washington County donated 200 acres of land for this purpose. Three trustees were appointed to handle all matters pertaining to the formation of the town and their names were Wm. McMillan, John Findley and Wm. Mortimer.

In the plans of the new "county town" a public square was laid out, 460-by-330 feet. Our present courthouse occupies this site. Also of interest, the present spacious streets were laid out at this time.

It should be recalled that until the borough of Mercer was organized, Crawford and Mercer Counties were administered and operated from Meadville, "County Town" of Crawford County. This also applied to the courts.

Jesse Moore was appointed first judge of this district in April, 1803.

The first court sessions were held in Mercer County in 1804 at the home of Joseph Hunter at Millcreek, for which he received \$1.00 per day. However, in October, 1804, the county offices were transferred to Mercer and the home of Jacob Myers was used for court until the log jail and court house

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were completed in December of that year. The downstairs portion of this building was used for a jail while court and public affairs were held on the second floor. This jail stood on the Northside of the diamond.

The log jail having served its purpose, the next county building was erected of brick in May of 1807 at a cost of \$7,116. This building was used until February, 1866 when it burned. A new court house was then erected on the site of the old building and was completed in 1867 at a cost of \$98,000. It burned in December of 1907. The present court house was then erected at a cost of \$324,100.

Following the erection of the first brick court house, a stone jail was erected to supersede the log jail and continued in use until 1869 when the present jail was built at a cost of \$67,000. The old stone jail, now remodeled and occupied by Mrs. Sadie Newhouse, may be seen on Venango Street and is one of the oldest masonry type buildings in town.

From the first settlement of Mercer County and town of Mercer there was a great deal of trouble concerning the issuance of clear titles for land. This situation was a rather important factor in the early development of this area, slowing settlement up to a considerable extent. However, the Smith Laws, enacted in 1810, overcame this situation. The next important date was the incorporation of the Boro on March 28, 1814, making it the oldest incorporated town in Mercer County and one of the oldest in Western Pennsylvania.

#### PIONEER DAYS

Having outlined the pertinent facts concerning early Mercer, we will now endeavor to bring alive some of the events and conditions that existed in the development of the town and area.

It is hard to imagine that this beautiful and highly settled country supported not alone a large number of Indians only 160 years ago, but also its hills and valleys teemed with game — the lordly buffalo and elk existed throughout the area while deer, bear, panther, wolves, wild turkey and small

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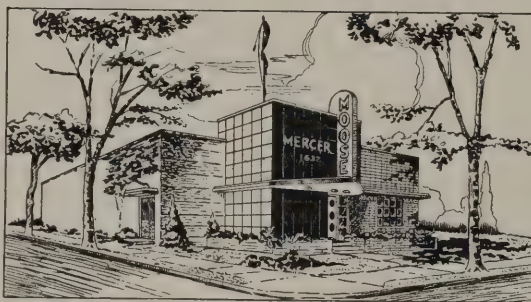
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game were to be seen on every hand. The forests seemed almost limitless and were penetrated by only a few Indian trails and the various small streams and rivers.

The winters were cold and long while the summers were often hot and subjected to fierce electrical and wind storms. During this season, mosquitoes, rattlesnakes and copperheads fairly swarmed throughout the area.

It was into this savage yet beautiful land that the forefathers of Mercer dared venture and pit their seemingly puny strength against all of these forces of nature.

They arrived, traveling at first on foot with pack animals over dim Indian trails, and later by ox-drawn wagons on roads hacked from the forest. Barely passable in dry weather, these roads were almost hopeless quagmires in rainy periods. Upon arriving at their various locations the first job was the erection of a log cabin, usually 15' x 25'. The logs were green and the average 20' piece of timber weighed 1500 lbs. It can well be imagined the labor required to raise such an awkward weight 8' to 10' in the air. In addition, shakes for the roof and planks for the puncheon floors, doors, window frames and shutters must be made. The last were heavy and very necessary in case of Indian attack or when leaving the cabin to keep out bears and other wild animals.

The windows were glazed with skins scraped thin, the stomachs and bladders of large game or greased paper.

At first the chimneys were made of sticks and mud and frequently caught fire and in many cases destroyed the entire cabin.

Upon completion of the cabin it was necessary to construct a strong log shelter to protect the live stock from wild animals. Wolves, panthers and bears were particularly troublesome, the wolves attacking and often killing cattle, horses and other stock, and when winter came occasionally attacking human beings.

The next and most trying job of all was clearing the land. It's hard to believe now when you see all the cleared and fruitful

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fields in our locality that they were once solid forest, the trees of huge size and the only implements used for this work the ax, saw and fire.

The first year or two the crops were planted amongst the stumps and consisted mainly of corn, rye and potatoes. Flax and wheat coming somewhat later after the fields were cleared.

Agricultural implements consisted of the hoe, spade, sickle, wooden hay fork, rake and flail. The work to produce a crop was tremendous and failure often occurred due to weather, animals and Indians.

The domestic animals roamed the forest for food and wore bells so that they could be easily found and to keep wild animals from killing them.

The Indians took advantage of this, stealing the bells after running off the animals and slowly walking away from the children or men sent to bring them in, tinkling the bells and leading the unsuspecting searchers into an ambush where they were either killed or captured.

Practically everything was made at home. Clothing from deerskins, home grown flax and wool, spun and then woven into cloth. Other articles such as dishes, pails and farm implements from wood, etc. It was indeed a busy, harsh and dangerous life that these early settlers lived. If one was injured or sick he either survived by the use of home remedies and first aid or died. There were no doctors. In fact, it was not until 1809 that Dr. Epaphroditus Cossett established an office in Mercer, followed by Dr. James S. Cossett and Dr. James Magoffin who started practice in 1820-21.

The furnishings of the cabins consisted of some bunks, a rough hewn table, some three legged stools, a fireside bench, cooking utensils, spinning wheel, loom and the Bible. .

These cabins had no screens. Just imagine a humid day in July, the single room filled with flies and other insect pests, while with the coming of night mosquitoes took over! During the winter the trails were blocked for weeks at a time, the nearest

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By spring many families were short of food and their cattle either dead from starvation or so weak from living on browse and poor grade and scanty hay that they had to be tailed up each morning to milk. Yet these people never faltered, with a sincere belief in God and a desire for personal and collective freedom, the majority survived and laid the foundation of our present area and town.

One of the first buildings to be erected here in Mercer was the "Blue Ball Tavern" which was accommodating travelers prior to 1798. It was located at a spring on the northside of town and was owned by John Garvin.

The first dwelling was built of logs by David Watson in 1797 or 98 and was located on the northwest corner of East Market and Otter Streets. A little later John Pew erected a log house at the foot of the hill on East Market Street near the McDonald spring. Just above this spring Theophilus McDonald built the first brick house in 1805. This house still stands, No. 340 East Market St. Another interesting and very old house is No. 122 East Market St., occupied by Mrs. Jennie V. Mills until her recent death. This is a log house covered by clapboards and was built prior to 1803.

The Magoffin house was built in 1821 and is now occupied by the Mercer County Historical Society. One wing housing the library is much older than the house proper.

The office of D. W. Patterson, recently torn down, located on the northside of the Diamond was another very old building and was standing prior to 1819. The house owned and occupied by Roger Johnson, 149 North Pitt St., was standing in 1827, as shown by an early deed. There are many more old and interesting buildings in the Boro but space forbids their mention.

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these God-fearing people almost immediately set about the erection of a place of worship. It is probable that the Cool Spring Presbyterian Church was the first organized congregation. It was erected in 1800 and its first Pastor was the Rev. Samuel Tait. It is believed that he preached in the homes of the residents some time before this.

In 1804 the First Presbyterian Church was established in Mercer and stood on the site of the old cemetery located at North Erie and North Streets. In this cemetery are buried some of the earliest of our pioneers, certainly in 1802 and probably earlier, as many of the stones are so defaced by time that they are unreadable. Here lies the Rev. Samuel Tait and his wife, soldiers of the Revolution, War of 1812, Indian Campaigns and the Civil War.

The First United Presbyterian Church was formed in the latter part of 1802 and the first preacher was probably Rev. Daniel McLean. At a later time the above congregation was joined by the Second United Presbyterian Church, founded in 1806, and the jointure is known as the Mercer United Presbyterian Church.

The Methodist Church was organized in 1820.

Today nearly all of the various Protestant denominations are represented within the Boro, while the Catholic Church lies a short distance north of town.

Next to the church came the school in the minds of these forward looking people, and as early as 1800 the area surrounding Mercer was dotted with little log school-houses where the three R's were taught to the tune of "a hickory stick."

The first school in Mercer was a brick structure, 20' square, located near the St. Cloud Hotel which stood approximately where the Willis Garage now stands. Here instead of the "hickory stick" a seat on the stove provided suitable punishment for wayward pupils.

Mrs. Emma B. Garrett came from Philadelphia and established a school in 1816. This was what was known as a Dames School in those days.

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In 1820 the Mercer Academy was erected at a cost of \$1500 but did not get into full operation until 1824. Amongst the trustees were Rev. Samuel Tait, Joseph Junkin, Dr. Epaphroditus Cossett and Robert Patterson. Tuition for the three R's was \$3.50 per quarter. This school continued as the chief center of education until the Mercer School District was formed in May, 1856. However, it was not until 1867 that the new Union School was erected at a cost of \$15,000. This was a three story brick building located on the lot now occupied by the R. L. Ashbaugh's residence, 230 North Erie Street. In fact, the present house sits on part of the old foundation of the school. One in passing will note a number of large and beautiful trees. Each tree represents one of the early graduation classes of this school.

Early in the 1900's it was found necessary to erect the school that now houses our Elementary Department. Several additions were made to this building including an auditorium and gym.

With the steady growth of the town and adjacent townships it was decided in 1946 to form the Mercer Joint Consolidated School District, composed of the Boro of Mercer and the townships of Cool Spring, East Lackawannock, Jefferson and Findley. This jointure called for the erection of a complete educational plant to house a Junior-Senior High School and close all of the existing country schools. It was several years, however, before work was begun on the new building and it was not until September, 1952 that the school was opened for classes. The cost of this beautiful building and equipment was \$1,500,000. A long step from the little log school house of 1800, but it was in this same little log school that the desire for education and freedom was nurtured throughout the years, making possible a school such as we have in Mercer today.

At the same time that these early settlers were at work on homes, churches and schools, another important factor must have had their full attention, and that was roads.

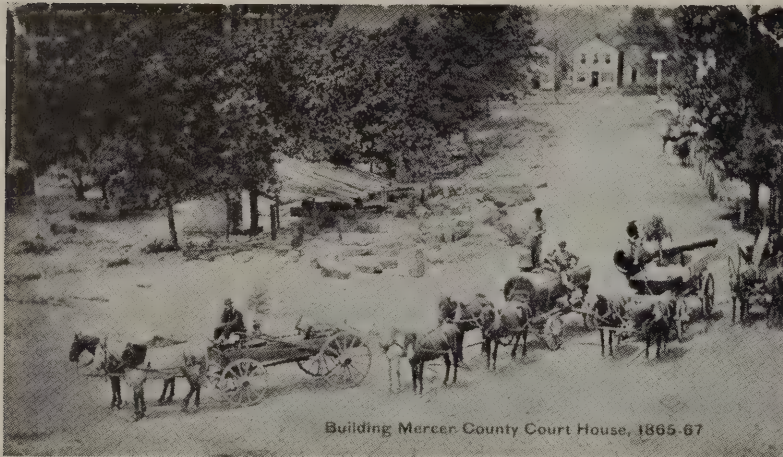
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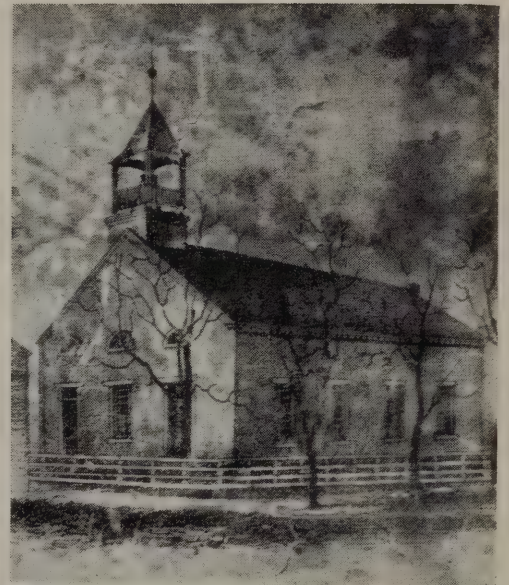


Scene taken along N. Pitt and N. Diamond showing Hackney Tavern. Built in 1817. Lafayette stayed here in May 1825. Later became Humes Hotel and was destroyed by fire.



Building Mercer County Court House, 1865-67

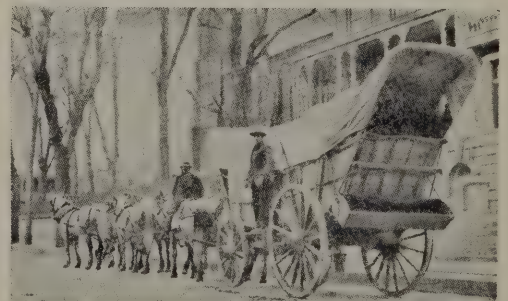
Building Mercer County's third Court House 1865-1867



Early First Presbyterian Church located on old cemetery lot North Erie and North Streets.



Scene showing dedication of present Court House Building, Oct. 12, 1911.



Perry Delivery came through Mercer with powder for Perry fleet in Erie during War of 1812.



There were a few rough tracts in the area prior to 1800, but it was not until 1803 that a concerted and planned effort was made to connect the various settlements with Mercer, and Mercer with Pittsburgh to the South and Erie to the North. The road going South to Pittsburgh is now known as the Mercer-Slippery Rock-Butler Road, or at an earlier time, the Pittsburgh Pike. Going North the original route was known as the Meadville Road. The present airport road now follows this earlier extension northward, passing thru Five Points, Sheakleyville and on to Meadville. By 1807 this had become a State Road and the Legislature appropriated \$400 for its improvement.

The stage coaches running between Pittsburgh and Erie changed horses about every 15 miles. These roads were the only means of transportation in the County for the next 40 years. In connection with these Roads, the first Post Office was organized in 1805 and was known as Mercers (Postmaster, C. S. Semple.)

On December 5, 1844 the Erie Canal was completed, running from Rochester on the Ohio to Erie, Pa., and the first two boats, the "Queen of the West", a passenger packet, and the "R. S. Reed", loaded with Mercer County coal, passed through to Erie. As Mercer was connected with Big Bend by a good road, its effect on the town was considerable, particularly in bringing in freight at a reduced cost over the slower and more expensive wagon transportation. Business was brisk on this canal for the next 25 years. In 1870 it was purchased by the Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad and ceased to operate in 1871.

Mercer was not connected by rail to the outside world until 1872. The New Castle & Franklin Railroad was completed in that year at a cost of \$336,000.

While there were several early charcoal iron furnaces within a few miles of Mercer, and a number of large coal mines, the town remained until fairly recent times the chief trading center of the surrounding territory, and location of the County Seat.

Here the First National Bank was organized in May 1864 — one of the first of such

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| 17. Seth Gustin           | 42. Roland C. Vogan         |
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| 19. John G. Hotz          | 44. C. Harold Waha          |
| 20. Lawrence O. Hotchkiss | 45. Joseph D. Whiteman      |
| 21. Paul R. Jamison       | 46. Nevin Willis, Sr.       |
| 22. Joseph S. Johnston    | 47. Nevin Willis, Jr.       |
| 23. Earl L. Knapp         | 48. Howard Winklevoss       |
| 24. Virgil I. Kemp        | 49. Curtis Johnson          |
| 25. John F. Knause        |                             |

institutions in the County.

The Reznor Manufacturing Company was founded in 1888 by George Reznor and is one of the best-known makers of gas fired heating units in the Country.

The Mercer Walker Manufacturing Company is of recent origin but growing at a rapid rate.

With these exceptions, Mercer is still largely a residential and market town.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

In looking back over the years, that period known as the War of 1812 was one of the most exciting times in Mercer history. It was at this time that Capt. John Junkin led his rifle company, known as the "Mercer Blues" to the Western campaigns against the British. Each man was equipped with a rifle, knife, tomahawk and Bible. Here the 42nd U.S. Infantry recruited. Twice all the able bodied men were called out to defend Erie from the British.

The wagon trains of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry creaked their way thru the streets of that early Mercer, carrying supplies, powder and cannon for the fleet he was building to defend the Great Lakes from the British and the back door to the settled portions of the infant United States which lay along the seaboard.

It was on September 10, 1812 that Perry sent his famous message: "We have met the enemy and they are ours", thus ending the British control of the Great Lakes. No doubt some of his messengers galloped south from Erie bringing the news of his victory to Mercer.

It was just before this period that Mercer became the Home of the Western Press. This paper was founded February 21, 1811 and was the first paper in Mercer County and was one of the very first papers in Western Pennsylvania. It continued to be an important factor in Mercer and the County until 1920.

The Mercer Dispatch of today goes back to 1830 when it was known as the Luminary, then it became, through consolidation, the Whig and Dispatch and finally the Mercer Dispatch.

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Lafayette visited Mercer on his grand tour of the United States in the late spring of 1825 (probably May). He stayed at the Hackney Tavern which was located where the Farmer's National Bank now stands. He occupied Room No. 12. This Hotel burned in 1916. The bed Lafayette slept in was saved and is now in the Humes Hotel.

This visit of Lafayette was a great occasion for Mercer.. Riders were stationed South of Mercer and rushed the news to the town on his approach. Upon his entry into Mercer, Dr. James Magoffin fired the saluting gun. A reception and dinner was held that evening—all the notables of both Mercer and the County attending.

The next day Lafayette continued his journey to Erie and then on to Niagara Falls, arriving there at the end of May. Yet in little more than two weeks after the last date he traveled several hundred miles by stage and horseback to Boston where he laid the corner stone of the Bunker Hill Monument on June 17. He sailed for France on September 7, 1825 after a stay in this Country of some 15 months.

Mercer, prior to the war of the Rebellion, was strongly "Anti-Slavery" and maintained an "Underground Railway" transporting runaway slaves from the south to Canada. The center of this activity in Mercer was in the house now occupied by the Yeager White family, 245 South Pitt Street. Here in a secret room the slaves were hidden until they could be transported on to Canada.

Mercer during the Civil War took a surprisingly large part in this struggle for such a small population. It sent more men to the front than would seem possible and was also one of the first to send an organized force into battle. Company G of the 39th Regiment was recruited at Mercer and Commanded by Capt. A. J. Warner. It was engaged in many of the most hard fought battles of the War, including Gettysburg.

This spirit has continued right down to the present and the honor roll covers all the wars since the Civil War. Men from Mer-

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When the preparation comes to a close and the celebration itself is being enjoyed, the two little words, "Thank You" sound inadequate.

However, because it is so justly deserved, we take this means of sincerely expressing our appreciation to the following:

Our subscribers whose financial contributions made the celebration possible deserve the first thought.

Our committees who served so loyally; the organizations which sponsored various events and activities; the members of the cast of "The Rolling Years" — who made it possible to present the pageant spectacle; to all these we extend our thanks.

Our Celebration Headquarters Staff worked long and tirelessly. To this loyal group we say, "Thank You"

There are many individuals not mentioned in this program to whom we owe our thanks. Membership of many fraternal, religious, civic, union, veteran and social groups assisted in making our daily programs possible.

Our Queen and her court, and all the contestants; all the merchants who gave window space for exhibits and decorated their building fronts; those who entered floats and other units in the parades; and to all others too numerous to mention who aided in making our Sesquicentennial a success, we sincerely say. ....

Thank You!

Chas. T. Warriner, General Chairman

Donald Jones

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# **SESQUI-CENTENNIAL PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**Sept. 13 thru 19th**

## **Saturday, Sept. 12**

9:00 P.M. Queen's Ball at Moose Hall

## **Sunday, Sept. 13**

Morning: Sesqui-Centennial Services in all churches.

3:00 P.M. "Foundations of Faith" at Courthouse

## **Monday, Sept. 14 "Queen's Day"**

All day: Viewing of historical displays in downtown store windows.

All day: Registration of homecomers at Sesqui-Centennial headquarters.

12:00 to 5:00 P.M. Opening of Historical Society

2:00 P.M. Tour of Mercer's historical spots. Leaving from headquarters.

6:30 P.M. Girls' soft ball team game. Brandy Springs Park.

8:30 P.M. 1st performance of the mammoth historical pageant, "The Rolling Years". The crowning of the Sesqui-Centennial queen will take place during this performance.

All Evening: Carnival—across from football field.

## **Tuesday, Sept. 15 "Sesqui-Centennial Parade Day"**

All day: Viewing of historical displays in downtown store windows.

All day: Registration of homecomers at Sesqui-Centennial headquarters.

3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Open house at Historical Society.

2:00 P.M. Tour of Mercer's historical spots. Leaving from headquarters.

6:30 P.M. Giant parade through downtown streets.

8:30 P.M. 2nd performance of the mammoth historical pageant, "The Rolling Years". The Sesqui-Centennial Queen and her court will be introduced at this performance.

All Evening: Carnival—across from football field.

## **Wednesday, Sept. 16 "Old Timers' Day"**

All day: Viewing of historical displays in downtown store windows.

All day: Registration of homecomers at Sesqui-Centennial headquarters.

3:00 to 5:00 and

7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Open house at historical Society.

2:00 P.M. Tour of Mercer's historical places.

4:00 P.M. Community picnic and Old Timers' Get Together at Brandy Springs.

6:00 P.M. Old Timers' Ball Game at Brandy Springs.

8:30 P.M. 3rd performance of the mammoth historical pageant, "The Rolling Years". The Sesqui-Centennial Queen and her court will be introduced at this performance.

11:00 P.M. Fireworks display.

All Evening: Carnival—across from football field.

## **Thursday, Sept. 17 "Farm Show Day"**

All day: Viewing of displays in downtown store windows.

All day: Registration of homecomers at Sesqui-Centennial headquarters.

All day: Farm show at field next to football field.

2:00 P.M. Tour of Mercer's historical spots. Leaving from headquarters.

3:00 to 5:00 and

7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Open house at Historical Society.

7:00 P.M. Awarding of Beard Contest and Sisters of Swish prizes.

8:30 P.M. 4th performance of the mammoth historical pageant, "The Rolling Years." The Sesqui-Centennial Queen and her court will be introduced at this performance.

All Evening: Carnival—across from football field.

## **Friday, September 18 "Youth Day"**

All day: Viewing of displays in downtown store windows.

All day: Registration of homecomers at Sesqui-Centennial headquarters.

2:00 P.M. Tour of Mercer's historical spots. Leaving from headquarters.

3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Open house at Historical Society.

6:30 P.M. Kids' Pet Parade through downtown streets.

8:15 P.M. Homecoming Football Game at football field.

All Evening: Carnival—across from football field.

## **Saturday, Sept. 19 "Firemen's Day"**

All day: Viewing of displays in downtown store windows.

All day: Registration of homecomers at Sesqui-Centennial headquarters.

2:30 P.M. Firemen's Parade.

8:30 P.M. Final performance of the mammoth historical pageant, "The Rolling Years". The Sesqui-Centennial Queen and her court will be introduced at this performance.



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Here amid pomp and colorful ceremony the youth of America arrives to pay homage to her majesty, the Mercer Sesqui-Centennial.

### EPISODE 1: "THE DAYS OF THE REDMAN"

To begin the history of any section of our great country, one must start with the American Indian, the American Indian, a disappearing race that once blazed colorful trails over the face of the nation. Here we look in on an Indian village that once stood on the present site of Mercer. The great Seneca Chief, Cornplanter, pays a visit, and we witness a ceremonial dance in his honor.

### EPISODE 2: "WESTWARD HO!"

As more and more people came to the new world, families started moving westward. Many of them traveled in covered wagons, others sailed up the various rivers in boats, then docked and continued over-land. This area of Pennsylvania was so thick with forests, that the early settlers who arrived here could only go so far by wagon—then they had to lash their belongings on pack horses and continue afoot. Here we see some of Mercer's first settlers as they near their home-sites.

### EPISODE 3: "THE STORY OF HATHEGIG"

The Pioneering spirit of early America gave birth to many legends. From the early days of Mercer sprang the story of John Pew and Hathegig. It has been repeated from generation to generation, until it, too, takes its place among the inspiring legends of our country.

### EPISODE 4: "MERCER IS SURVEYED"

Mercer was one of the few towns in the United States to be planned and laid out before it had any buildings. In this episode we learn how it happened.

### EPISODE 5: "THE BIG SALE"

Once Mercer was surveyed into lots, a day was chosen to offer these lots for sale. Just about everyone for miles around attended this "big sale", and here we see a reproduction of that memorable event.

### EPISODE 6: "REMEMBER THE SABBATH"

The year is 1813. Another war is being waged, as the British threaten the freedom of our newly-born democracy. We visit the church of Reverend Samuel Tate on a beautiful Sunday morning. In the middle of services, the news arrives—the British are planning an attack on Erie. Reverend Tate rallies the men of his congregation, and together they depart to defend the strategic port.

### EPISODE 7: "Taught To The Tune of The Hickory Stick"

In a little log school house we see that school children of yesterday were not much different from those of today. They might not have had the equipment to work with, but they had all the spirit and devilish antics . . . as you will witness.

### EPISODE 8: "GENERAL LAFAYETTE PAYS A VISIT"

In the year 1824, the famous french general, Lafayette, paid a visit to Mercer and was met with an enthusiastic welcome.

### EPISODE 9: "WHERE'S THE FIRE"

Also in 1824, the first volunteer fire department was formed in Mercer. In this humorous scene, we watch these early fire fighters as they mobilize their units to investigate the smell of smoke.

### EPISODE 10: "THE UNDERGROUND TO FREEDOM"

In those troubled days prior to the Civil War, many run-a-way slaves stopped for rest in Mercer while on their flight to Freedom beyond the Canadian border.

### EPISODE 11: "ANTE-BELLUM DAYS"

By 1860 war clouds were beginning to form. But life went on, and everyone hoped that somehow the situation would right itself without bloodshed. But in December of that year Fort Sumter was fired upon and the conflict was on.

### EPISODE 12: "THE BATTLE IS ON"

The North and the South, the blue and the grey, faced each other on many battle fields.

### EPISODE 13: "IT'S ALL OVER"

On April 12, 1865, General Robert Lee surrendered and the war was over. A hush fell over the battlefields. Only Abraham Lincoln's voice was heard, uttering a fervent prayer that war would be no more.

### EPISODE 14: "Christmas Eve at The Orphan's Home"

In 1869 a school was set up in Mercer for children left homeless by the war. We look in on this school and see the children gathered around the tree on Christmas eve.

### EPISODE 15: "THE FABULOUS GAY 90'S"

When the century changed from the 19th to the 20th changes came to the whole nation—the fabulous gay 90's was upon us. Here we join a group of townspeople as they gather for a lodge picnic. The Gay 90 spirit is in the air—There's even a line of Can Can girls on hand.

### EPISODE 16: "LEST WE FORGET"

The first world war was a costly one. The ledger books showed the financial loss—but a poppy covered field in Belgium showed grim evidence of a deeper, more heart-felt loss.

### EPISODE 17: "THE FLAG RAISING ON IWO JIMA"

In fitting tribute to all Mercer veterans of the 2nd World War and to those now engaged in service, this episode reproduces the famous "Flag raising on Iwo Jima."

### EPISODE 18:

#### "A Salute To Mercer's Industry and Agriculture"

The old and the new in Mercer's Industries and Agricultural organizations are saluted.

### FINALE

All the episodes join together to form spokes of a giant wheel of life, which courageously turns into the future.

# MERCER SESQUI-CENTENNIAL QUEEN AND COURT



QUEEN--MARIANNE HOFFMAN  
MISS MERCER--PATRICIA FLANNERY

## COURT

IDA MAE SNYDER  
JUDY LAWTON

ELIZABETH JO UREY  
SHIRLEY DAVIS  
PEGGY WAGNER

JOYCE NELSON  
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# PERSONNEL OF "THE ROLLING YEARS"

**Narrators:** Rosalie Wieand, Eleanor Miller, Howard Patterson, Jerry Johnston.

**Lighting:** Shaffer's Electric Service

**Sound:** Heiges Brothers

**Music:** Mrs. Louis Elster.

**Properties:** Robert Silliman

## CAST

**Trumpeters:** Judy Holliday, Dara Jean Bardelcik.

**Cadets:** Virginia Richardson, Joanne Kemp, Sherry Ringer, Delores Foy, Carol Hodge, Delia Junkin, Carol Mayne, Kay Kemp.

**Sailorettes:** Jane McClain, Donna Redmond, Joanne Brant, Eleanor Cousins, Mary Ann Ashbaugh, Barbara Dillon, Ruth Newton, Elizabeth Orr.

**Indian chiefs:** Gordon Allen, Don Pierson.

**Squaws:** Liz Cozad, Joanne Parker, Emma Wheeler, Liz Anthony, Alice Anderson, Julia Bochey, Liz Cooper, Helen DeAngio.

**Braves:** Robert Cummings, Don Deramo, Bob Uber, Brad Crawshaw, Bill Wimer, Bob Yoho, Duz Hill, Dave Eller, Russ King, Bill Buckley, Gerald Cousins, Ray Newton, Tommy Clayton.

**Indian children:** Billy Clayton, Teddy Ingraham, Gerry Albert, Sandra Lee Foster, Linda Lee Snyder, Kathy Vogan, Roberta Silliman, Connie DeAngio.

**Indian dancers:** Rita Guarnieri, Barbara Becker, Judy Becker, Marlene Knolton, Sally Galbreath, Louise White.

**Pioneers:** E. C. Hogue, Elmer Anderson, Mary Hogue, Audine Hogue, Raymond Stokley, William Wiese, Joe Bentley, Betty Anderson, Guy Trezona, Margaret Wilson, Bill Flannery, Mary Warriner, Jim Byers Jr., Ada Calvin, Isaac Clark, Nellie Bentley, Olive Trezona, Ada Byers, Mrs. Isaac Clark.

**Pioneer children:** Arlene Hogue, Carl Anderson, Billy Joy Bentley, June, Nancy, Helen, and Edith Anderson, Glenn Allen Bentley.

**Hathegig:** Gordon Allen

**Pew Family:** Elmer Anderson and family.

**Surveyors:** Harry Black, John Amy, Jim Byers, Andy Albert.

**Rev. Tate:** Robert Silliman

**School Teacher:** Thelma Hoffman

**School girls:** Peggy Jo Junkin, Joanne Guarnieri, Sandy Thompson, Sally Hayman, Mary Patterson, Gloria Jean Baer, Marta Vogan, Janet Ingram, Ruth Clark.

**School boys:** Bill Carter, Bill Vance, Denny Sweetapple, Jeff Reznor, Edwin Wimer.

**Gen. Lafayette:** Jack First

**Firemen:** Jim Byers Jr., Bill Flannery, William Wiese

**Slaves:** Dave Eller, Ray Newton, Bill Buckley

**Civil War women:** Edith Peters, Mrs. McCall, Rosella Patterson, Sadie Marsh, Ella Byers, Lottie Reed, Helen Ashbaugh, Helen Boykan, Margaret Knapp, Mrs. Blaine Seidel.

**Civil War men:** Jim Byers, Harry Black, John Amy, Andy Albert, Meade Urey, Paul Knapp, Blaine Seidel.

**Union officer:** William Steingrabe

**Union soldiers:** Dick Wimer, Paul Jewell, Dick Moon, Billy Reeher, Bob McGhee, David Warner, Jack Young

**Abraham Lincoln:** Dick Lukacs

**Gay 90 women:** Katherine Flannery, Agnes Magner, Katie Wimer, Marge Palmer, Genevieve McDonnell, Mrs. Bob Carter, Madeleine First.

**Gay 90 men:** George Dolby, Leo McMonigle, Lewis D'Andrea, Jack Neal, Bill Swartz, Don Jones, Bob Carter, Bill Steingrabe, Clarence McHenry, Bill Hoerschler, Otto Swartzbeck.

**Can Can girls:** T. J. King, Helen Crawford, Jean Jackal, Mary Esther Amon.



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Bud Easton—Chairman  
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cer have fought from the Philippines, through the Argonne, and on to the world-wide battle fields of World War II, and are now serving in Korea. This is a record that few can equal and none surpass. Continuous service by the manhood of Mercer from the War of 1812 to the bloody hills of Korea.

The Soldiers' Orphan School was established on January 1, 1868 by J. G. White and George Reznor. It stood on a tract of land comprising 70 acres where the present Sanitarium is now located. Some of the buildings are still in use. In fact, a portion of them housed a water-cure establishment at a much earlier period than the foundation of the school.

As the name implies, this was a benevolent institution organized to care for the orphans of Union soldiers. Nearly all of the first one hundred children admitted ranged in age from 4 years to 8 years old. The school closed its doors in 1890. Since that time persons who attended this school are known as the "Sixteeners".

In 1880 ex-soldiers of the Union Army organized a G.A.R., Post No. 169. Its first Commander was John I. Gordon. This Post was very active for many years, but with the passing of its membership was discontinued some time ago.

Since that time, two very active armed service organizations have taken its place; The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Both have excellent club houses.

In passing on to a somewhat later period, it is interesting to note that the first paving of streets was done around the Diamond in 1892. It was not until 1905-6 that East Market Street was paved. This became necessary due to the increased traffic between the railroad stations and the upper town. In wet weather this street became almost impassable. West Market was paved shortly after the completion of the above mentioned job.

From this time forward the paving of the streets moved forward at a rapid pace.

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cer was an ordinance put into effect in 1852 forbidding slaughter-houses to operate within the Borough limits.

In 1872 another ordinance made it illegal for livestock to run at large in the town.

It was in 1886 that the Water Company was organized with Judge S. H. Miller as its first President. The Company began pumping water in 1887.

It was not long after this event that the necessity of a sewage system began to be evident but it was not until 1898 that \$1500.00 was raised by citizens of the West Side to install a sewer. Somewhat later the Borough borrowed sufficient funds to build the sewers for the "East Side" at a cost of \$3141.00. This was the beginning of the present sewage system.

Natural gas was used for a number of years for domestic purposes but was largely superseded by electricity early in the present century.

It is very interesting to note that Mercer purchased its first fire engine in 1824. It was burned at the same time that the Court-house was destroyed by fire in 1866.

The town had no fire fighting equipment from this time forward until 1873. In 1887 the S. H. Miller Hose Co. and the Citizens Hose Co. were organized. From these two fire companies sprang our present fire fighting units — "The Uptown and East End Volunteer" fire companies.

It is interesting to note here that in less than a single life span Mercer as well as the County at large has advanced from a rather primitive existence, to this modern and high powered life of the present.

Having briefly sketched Mercer's past, a look at the present is in order.

Basically, there has been little change in the ideals and principals on which the town was founded. A strong and abiding religious faith and patriotism, based on personal and collective freedom.

Physically the town and district have made great strides over the collection of rude log cabins and log houses that comprised the

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Mercer of 1803, with its harsh and restricted mode of life.

It is not likely that these hardy and self-reliant people could have invisioned modern Mercer with its beautiful churches, schools, public buildings and hospital. Nor would they have given much thought to our charming Brandy Springs Park with its swimming pool and playgrounds. Yet these pioneers truly hoped and fought for the best that could be obtained, not alone for themselves but also for their descendants.

On this solid foundation our present beautiful town stands as a monument to their courage and faith.

Therefore, on this 150th anniversary of Mercer let us not forget them. Let us remember that the men and women of those early times were largely responsible for the Mercer of today.

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Mercer Sanitarium



Mercer Cottage Hospital







COMPLIMENTS

OF

**Mercer Cottage Hospital**





Above — old Opera House and Office of Western Press on East Diamond Street.



Above — Old Mercer Jail



Top — Old Mercer Dispatch Printing Office compared to present building.

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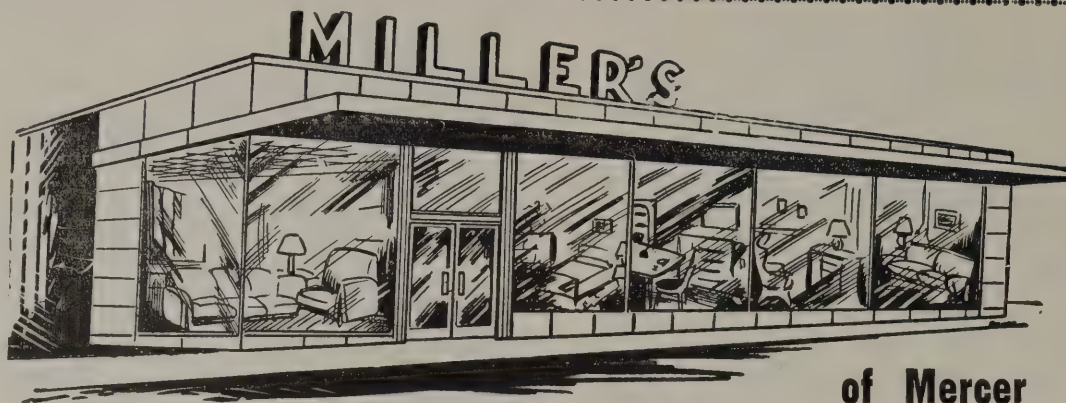
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Below — Theophilis McDonald House. Oldest brick house in Mercer, erected 1805.



Left — Patterson Building. Oldest building on N. Diamond. Erected prior to 1819. Recently demolished.





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This recruiting notice for the War of 1812 was taken from a copy of the WESTERN PRESS dated — Mercer, Pa., Tuesday, November 2, 1813.

## ATTENTION MEN OF COURAGE

A recruiting rendezvous is now open in Mercer for the 42 Regt. U. S. inf'y where able bodied men of patriotism, courage and enterprise can have an opportunity of entering the service of their country — hasten, I say hasten: or the laurels will be all Won ere you reach the soil in which they grow. The terms are truly inviting. To each man will be given, a bounty of **Forty Dollars**, eight dollars per month and abundant supply of good and handsome clothing with everything necessary for his subsistence, What more could be wished for? Yet in addi-

tion to the above every soldier who shall receive a regular discharge shall at the time of receiving such discharge be entitled to receive three Months extra pay and a farm of 160 acre of land. Hasten then, to reap your share of the laurels in the honorable cause of defending those sacred rights which have been purchased, secured, and handed to you by your fathers under the protection of divine providence.

John Junkin, capt.  
42nd regt. U.S. infantry  
Mercer, Oct. 18.



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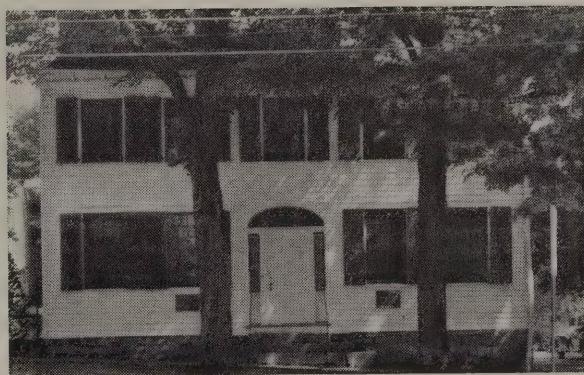
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# Mercer County Historical Society, Inc.



Magoffin House (1821) Mercer,  
Home of the Society

- 1931—A small organization of persons interested in the early history of the County was effected largely through the efforts of Mrs. Jeanette Barbour Barton, Dr. Morgan Barnes and Dr. John S. Duncan. Levi H. Beeler, professor of history in Grove City College was elected president. Only two meetings are recorded until
- 1946—When the Mercer County Historical Society was organized at a meeting in the Court House with Dr. Morgan Barnes as its first president.
- 1947—A memorial tablet was placed on the boyhood home of Hon. John A. Bingham; The Society was duly incorporated; and affiliated with the State Federation of Historical Societies.

Several historical pilgrimages to county localities; annual spring and fall meetings, addressed by persons of public prominence; and the marking of historical sites in cooperation with the State Historical and Museum Commission comprised the activities of the organization until the gift of the old Dr. James Magoffin property in

- 1951—Made it possible to plan the establishment of a Historical Museum — the deed for the property being passed at the annual picnic at the Bindley Farm July 13th 1951. At the same time Mrs. Minette Miller Ayer made a gift of \$10,000 for the remodeling and equipping of the building. In November, Memorial tablets were dedicated to members of the Magoffin Family and James W. Ayer.
- 1953—The Museum has some very interesting exhibits; the High Light, an unusually Fine collection of Indian Relics — its nucleus — the collection of the late C. G. Williams.

A Historical Library is being collected, where the student may have access to rare old books — contemporary reading on his period.

A fire-proof vault for the safe-keeping of valuable historical documents has been erected, which houses an interesting collection of old papers.

A miscellaneous collection recalling the life of pioneer days, is constantly growing, and contains many exhibits of great value and historic interest.

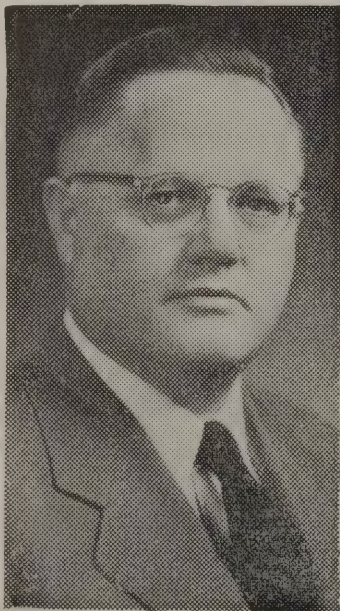
The President, Orvis Anderson of Sharpsville, assisted by a county-wide board of directors is in charge of the varied activities.

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Seated, L to R. — Burgess  
Roger B. Johnson, Council Pres.  
Morris Endres, Howard Greg-  
ory.

Standing, L to R. — John Row-  
bottom, council secretary Ed  
Dillon, Solicitor L. R. Rickard,  
Howard Palmer.

Absent when picture was taken;  
E. B. McElrath, T. N. Clayton,  
C. L. Rader.

## Members of Mercer Police Department

Front, L. to R. — Howard  
Ferry, Robert Campbell, Pres-  
cott Ringer.

Back, L. to R. — Wm. Ringer,  
Chief Leonard Ringer, Robert  
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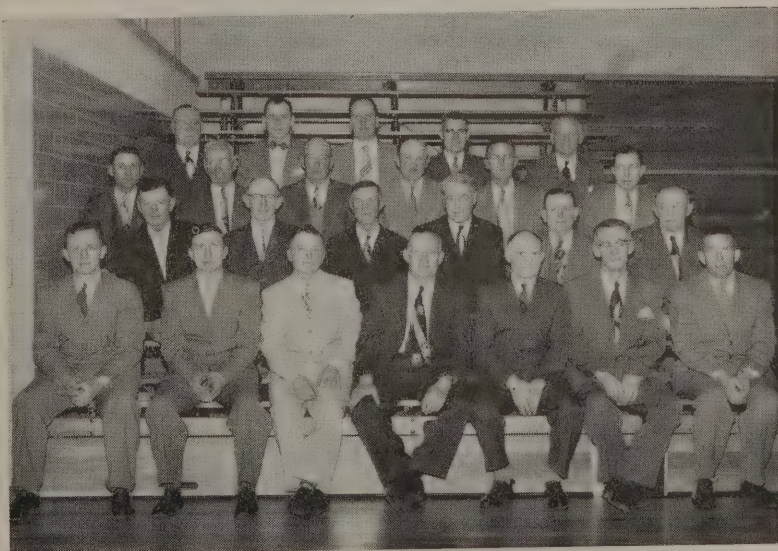
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**ON 150 YEARS OF PROGRESS**

Mercer made its first step toward  
becoming a thriving Community in

**1803**

**ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE BUT THE SAME YEAR OF**

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE AND THE YEAR  
OHIO ENTERED THE UNION . . . JUST 3 YEARS  
AFTER CONGRESS MET FOR THE FIRST TIME  
. . . FOUR YEARS BEFORE FULTON'S STEAM-  
BOAT MADE IT'S FIRST TRIP UP THE HUDSON,  
AND SIX YEARS BEFORE ABE LINCOLN'S  
BIRTH.

**THE SHARON STORE'S** wish is to serve faithfully the people of  
Mercer for many more years to come



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*World's Largest-Selling Gas Unit Heater*



MANUFACTURED BY MASTER CRAFTSMEN AND THE  
MOST MODERN TOOLS AND METHODS OF THE  
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The growth of Reznor Manufacturing Company and the evolution of space heating with gas have been synonymous. *Today there are more Reznor unit heaters sold than any other make.* And today, gas is recognized as the most efficient method of heating. Reznor leadership has been inevitable because it has concentrated its engineering and manufacturing exclusively in the gas heater field.

From the pioneering days of gas heaters, when in 1888 the first George Reznor custom-built a unit in a small workshop, the plant has developed into a modern factory in every respect. Extensive laboratory research combines with the latest production facilities and skilled craftsmanship to maintain continuous quality and constant product improvement.

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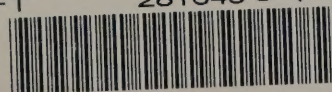
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